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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: UNUSED BANANA LANDS

REF: SAN JOSE 2601

1. ON JUNE 30 THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, BY UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT OF THE 41 DEPUTIES VOTING, AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE TO ISSUE UP TO 200 MILLION COLONES (SOME \$23 MILLION) WORTH OF GOVERNMENT BONDS TO BE USED IN PAYING FOR THE EXPROPRIATION OF UNUTILIZED LANDS OWNED BY UNITED BRANDS. INTEREST PAYMENTS ON THE BONDS WOULD BE FUNDED FROM THE APPROPRIATION OF THE LAND AND COLONIZATION INSTITUTE (ITCO). LEGISLATION CALLING FOR ACTUAL EXPROPRIATION OF THE LANDS IS STILL BEING DEBATED IN THE ASSEMBLY. THIS LEGISLATION IS TIED AS A RIDER TO A BILL

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RAISING THE TAX ON SOFTDRINKS, CIGARETTES AND BEER. THE

FULL BILL HAS BEEN REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE AND MAY COME UP
FOR FIRST READING WITHIN A WEEK.

2. UNITED BRANDS REPRESENTATIVES HERE HAVE BEEN MEETING
WITH INDIVIDUAL DEPUTIES IN AN EFFORT TO EXPLAIN THEIR PLANS
FOR PUTTING THESE UNUTILIZED LANDS INTO PRODUCTION (SEE
REFTEL FOR DESCRIPTION OF THIS PLAN). A UNITED SPOKESMAN
TOLD AN EMBOFF THAT HE BELIEVES MOST OF THE DEPUTIES HAVEN'T
THOUGHT OUT THIS ISSUE AND MANY ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT
THE AMOUNT OF LAND WHICH WOULD BE AFFECTED IS CONSIDERABLY
GREATER THAN WOULD BE THE CASE. ACCORDING TO THIS
SPOKESMAN, SINCE 1931 UNTIL THE PRESENT, UNITED HAS
EITHER SOLD OR GIVEN AWAY 78 PERCENT OF ALL THE LAND
IT HOLDS IN COSTA RICA. UNITED DOES NOT SEEM TO BE AS
CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMMEDIATE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF AN
EXPROPRIATION OF ITS LAND AS IT IS ABOUT THE PRINCIPLE OF
EXPROPRIATION ITSELF, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE
APPARENTLY DISCRIMINATORY AND ARBITRARY NATURE OF THIS
PROPOSAL.

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